

## **Stranger Laurens by Gryffindork Gleek**

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**Summary:** I'll somehow get Lams in here (even if it kills me) and it's Stranger Things and Hamilton, so that'll be a wild ride!

## Stranger Laurens

Eleven had stopped the Demogorgan. She felt proud of herself, but something was wrong, she could feel it. Of course, she had gone to the upside down! And even though she knew he wouldn't be there, she yelled Mike's name. She ran around the school to soon find a tall, tan, freckled, brown-eyed, curly-haired man running down a hallway. He wore clothes that you would never see on someone in the eighties, unless it was Halloween.

"I'm guessing you're the one shouting 'Mike'?" he questioned, and Eleven nodded.

"What's your name?" the man asked.

"Eleven," she answered.

"That's an odd name," he chuckled and stuck out his hand for her to shake, and she took it, "I'm John, John Laurens." Eleven then shook his and looked around.

"Upside Down," she muttered.

"I'm sorry, what?" John gave the young girl a bizarre look. Eleven gestured to the space around them, "This Upside Down." It was an attempt to explain what she had said earlier but John thought that while the two were there together he would be giving her some grammar lessons.

"So, anyway, who's this 'Mike' character? A friend of yours?" John asked and Eleven nodded as an attempt to answer him.

"John?"

"Hmm,"

"Mike put his lips on my lips... what does that mean?" Eleven asked.

"Oh, he kissed you? Is he your boyfriend?" John questioned, and Eleven responded, "Boyfriend?"

"Um, well, a boyfriend is your friend but you're not only friends, you're in love and do things together and if it works out you get married. Boys have girlfriends and girls have boyfriends." He explained.

"Why can't boys have boyfriends?"

"I'm sorry, *what?*" John looked at her as if she was an alien. Sure, he himself was homosexual but he still believed homosexuality was a weird concept, never to be touched.

"Are boys not allowed to have boyfriends?"

"Well where I come from they aren't," John told her, "There are some boys who fall in love with boys and some girls who fall in love with girls, but they're killed!" Eleven gave a gasp of horror, "Did you know anyone boys who liked boys or girls who liked girls?" John debated whether or he should have told her, and he figured '*Well, she most likely won't say anything, right?*' so John decided to say, "Well, actually I like boys. I sort of had a boyfriend of my own." Eleven gave him a weird look, "You said-"

"Yes, I know I just didn't want you knowing, or anyone. Just please, don't tell anyone." John pleaded.

"I promise, I won't."